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SUBJECT: AUTHORITIES ALARMED BY "ECONOMIC SABOTAGE"

1. STATE COMMISSIONER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS KITHIMA CALLED MEETING OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 22 TO WORK OUT A STRATEGY TO COMBAT "SABOTAGE" OF ZAIRE'S ECONOMY BY CERTAIN FOREIGNERS IN COOPERATION WITH CERTAIN ZAIRIANS. IT WAS DECIDED TO PROSECUTE ANYONE, ZAIRIAN OR FOREIGNER, CAUGHT IN ACT. PEOPLE WERE URGED TO DENOUNCE THE GUILTY.

2. DAILY ELIMA EDITORIAL FOR JANUARY 22 CHARGED THAT DESPERATE MERCHANTS WERE SCRAMBLING TO LIQUIDATE THEIR STOCKS WHILE SPECULATORS WERE HOARDING AND FORCING UP PRICES. CALLED FOR CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE AND PUNISH CULPRITS. URGED ZAIRIAN CONSUMER TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY BUDGET BY SHOWING REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE AND COOPERATING WITH OFFICIAL PRICE CONTROL MEASURES. NOTED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT PROBLEM NOT SIMPLE SINCE SO MANY PEOPLE WERE SPCULATING,

BOTH ZAIRIANS AND FOREIGNERS. CITED EXAMPLE OF AIRLINE PILOTS WHO ARE SMUGGLING CURRENCY OUT AND ZAIRIANS WHO ARE FEVERISHLY HOARDING CONSUMER GOODS OF EVERY KIND. URGED HONEST SMALL RETAILERS TO DENOUNCE WHOLESALERS WHO RAISED PRICES. DENUNCIATION AND EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT WERE ONLY WAYS TO PROTECT INTERESTS OF WORKERS AND CONSUMERS, EDITOR COMMENTED.
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